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Lacombe's Leading Industry

Last Saturday afternoon, on the invitation of President Gourlay and Secretary Vickerson, quite a number of citizens availed themselves of the opportunity to see in operation the plant of the Lacombe Brick, Tile & Cement Company, which up to the present time embodies Lacombe's most important industrial enterprise.

The occasion was graced by the presence of several ladies who showed fully as keen an appreciation as did the men in the interesting process of converting Alberta's best clay into the best brick made in the province.

The unusually favorable spring has enabled the plant to work to a much better advantage than heretofore, and as a result one big kiln is already burned and enough on the drying racks to fill another kiln.

The plant at the present time is turning out about twenty thousand bricks per day, and employing from fifteen to twenty men. It is a paying industry as it is, but had the company more capital the plant could be worked more efficiently, and improvements could be added, more men could be employed, and more bricks made at a larger margin of profit.

For such bricks as are being made here the market is unlimited. There is and always will be a market for bricks of this quality. There cannot be enough made to supply the demand.

Mighty Haag Show Coming

There will be a treat seldom in store for the amusement going public when the Mighty Haag Shows exhibit at Lacombe, on Thursday, July 10.

The program this year has been so arranged to please everybody, being one of the greatest list of features ever offered by any purveyor of amusement.

E. Haag, proprietor of the Mighty Haag Shows, was successful in securing the celebrated aero-planes, Mous. Di' Paulhan, as one of the features, also securing one of the most animals known to mankind, the "Hippogratus Equinus," which today is almost extinct; when added to his large zoological collection will make it second to none.

These two features are alone worth the price of admission and with other amusement enterprises would be the crowning feature, while with the Mighty Haag it is only one of the many features offered by the big Southern Circus.

The seal of approval has been placed upon the Mighty Haag Shows by the amusement-going public of the entire South.

The Great Haag Shows will appear in Lacombe on Thursday, July 10. There will be two performances: afternoon and night.

Local Jottings

Dr. Shute, now of Calgary, was calling on old friends here the first of the week.

For the choicest candies, made in Lacombe, go to the Lacombe Candy Kitchen.

Mrs. P. H. Winter left today for an extended visit, with relatives at St. Johnsbury, Vermont. She will make the trip east by the lake route.

Jno. Mole, who bought the Ross section a short time ago, received a shipment of brick for the erection of a six room bungalow on his place, six miles south and one east of here.

A baseball game between Red Deer and Lacombe was to have been played on the Lacombe diamond Thursday evening, but the prevailing wet weather made indefinite postponement unavoidable.

The departmental examinations at Lacombe are in charge of Inspector Thibodeau, Principal Williams of Ponoka and Principal Grerson of Bow. The eighth, ninth and tenth grades are writing this week, the eleventh and twelfth next week. There are quite a number from rural schools of the district taking the examinations.

On Monday evening the members of the Presbyterian choir drove out to Gull Lake to give a farewell presentation to Mrs. J. I. Poole, for several years past organist of St. Andrew's church, Lacombe, who is leaving shortly to make her home at Wetaskiwin. The evening was spent in the usual social enjoyments, and Mrs. Poole was presented with a handsome silver mounted toilet set, as a token of the esteem in which she is held.

On Saturday last W. E. Tees, one of the best known stock breeders of Lacombe, started out for a tour of the more important western fairs, with two carloads of pure bred stock and poultry, comprised of Galloway cattle, Yorkshire hogs and Whyte Wyandotte and Plymouth Rock chickens. He shipped first to Lethbridge fair, the dates of which are June 24-29. Calgary fair, the following week, will be his next stop, after which he takes in all the big fairs as far east as Winnipeg, ending his tour at Edmonton fair, the week of Aug. 11-16. Mr. Tees has some very fine purebreds and is sure to capture prizes wherever he shows.

A New Store for Gull Lake

The Gull Lake Mercantile Co. has this week opened a new store at Wessville, Gull Lake. Glen Bruce, well and favorably known throughout this district, through his former connection with Lacombe's big departmental stores, is the manager of the new store, which is located next to the Grand View Hotel at Pleasant Beach.

A full stock of the lines of goods mostly in demand by summer resort residents will be carried; in fact a much better stock will be carried than is usual under such conditions. The new store is sure to be a popular one.

Liquor Warehouse Burglarized

On the night of the 19th the cold storage warehouse of the F. L. Smith Co., wholesale liquor dealers, was broken into, entrance being made through a window. The burglary was discovered the next morning by employees of the company, who found cases of liquor scattered around and a case and a half of the best brands missing.

The police were immediately notified and lost no time in getting the trail of the parties believed to be the thieves. They were traced to Rod Deer, where they were found to be under arrest for unlawfully offering liquor for sale.

One of the men is E. Montgomery who was only a short time ago fined here for obtaining liquor while under interdiction. The other man, Ralph Lee, is a stranger here. The Rod Deer court imposed a fine of one hundred dollars and costs on Montgomery, with a jail sentence as an alternative, but there appeared to be insufficient evidence to convict Lee, who however, was held on request from Constable Miller of Lacombe.

The prisoners were brought to Lacombe on Tuesday and given a preliminary hearing before Justice Switzer. Both men are sent up for trial, and were taken to Fort Saskatchewan to await the sitting of the court. Both men naturally plead innocence of the burglary, but the evidence appears to be very much against them.

Disastrous Wreck on C.P.R.

Ottawa, June 25.—Eight dead and over fifty injured, two probably fatally, is the toll of a railway accident three miles from Ottawa this afternoon, when the Winnipeg express train left the track. All the dead and practically all the injured are emigrants, mostly from the British Isles, many of them on their way to join relatives in Alberta and other western provinces.

The cause of the wreck is not known, but it is thought to have been either a loose rail or what is known in railway parlance as a "sun-kink."

The train left here at 1:30 and consisted of baggage and mail cars, three colonist, one first class, two tourists, a diner and a Pullman car. Two of the colonist cars turned completely over and lay on their sides in the Ottawa river, which is skirted by the C. P. R. track for some distance. It was from these two cars that the dead were taken.

Dan Cameron, the conductor on the ill-fated train, was in one of the colonist cars which toppled into the river and was in the act of punching a ticket. He escaped with a dislocated shoulder and was the only member of the train crew injured.

Gull Lake Items

The Gull Lake summer resort is assuming a lively appearance, these days, and parties going and coming, in autos and rigs, keep a hum in the air.

N. Morrison, of Lacombe, has moved his family into his cottage, where they are enjoying the nice weather.

Mr. Holmes of Edmonton, brought his family to the Lake, last week, where they are now settled in their cottage.

C. R. Denike moved his family into his new cottage today.

Many people were out from Lacombe, on Sunday, for the day, and enjoyed themselves boating and bathing.

Mrs. Hager and children, of Edmonton, are occupying one of the new Sharpe cottages.

Mrs. Belcher has moved her family out to the Lake from Edmonton where they are comfortably settled in their cottage, which has undergone considerable improvement.

Monks, David Smith and S. Q. O'Brien, of South Edmonton, stopped over at Thistle Inn on Saturday night, returning to Edmonton Sunday. Mr. O'Brien has a cottage under course of construction and will be a resident of this place in the near future.

Thistle Inn is practically completed and the balance of the furniture is being installed this week.

Mrs. Hyslop of Edmonton moved down to the Lake last week, with her children.

The road between the Lake and Lacombe has been leveled and the stones picked off, the past week and is now in very good condition.

Spring Valley

The annual Sunday School picnic was held on the 20th inst.

Mr. Harrison and family are now occupying their new residence which is certainly one of the best on the Boulevard.

Appendicitis is becoming almost as fashionable as hobble skirts. Bruce Wilkins, aged ten, had his appendix removed at the hospital the other day.

Crops are looking very fine; the showers during the past week helping things along beautifully.

Our teacher, Miss McDougall, has resigned.

Edmonton Drowning

Edmonton, June 27.—The grim, swiftly flowing Saskatchewan, which has already taken toll of several human lives this year, was responsible for the most terrible drowning tragedy in the city's history yesterday evening, when a forty horse-power gasoline launch struck a boom abutment about 300 yards below the bridge, partly filled with water through a rent in its right bow, and then capsized and precipitated the seven occupants into the raging torrent, only one escaping with his life. There were 3 men and 3 women drowned.

Clive Amateurs Will Stage a Play

The Ladies Aid of the Methodist church are putting a play, "The Ladies Aid Business Meeting," on the boards at the Clive Hall, Monday, June 30, concluding with a literary and musical entertainment all provided by local talent. The proceeds will be devoted to the church funds, about \$50 being needed.

Miss Evelyn Northcott left on the 23rd for Lacombe for exams at the public schools.

The bell for the public school, after weeks of detention at the Customs office, owing to some misunderstanding, has arrived and is now placed in position. The principal of the school, Mr. McNally, and the other teacher, Miss Schlohauf made the bell a possibility by means of an entertainment that they got up some months ago.

Mirrors and Pictures Given Away

There are some people in this town and district who have not as yet taken advantage of the different opportunities given them by us to secure the very highest class of merchandise at prices that are usually tempting to a discriminate person. As a special inducement to everybody we are going to give away absolutely free a Mirror or Pasteline Picture in colors.

The Colored Pasteline Pictures in reproductions of the world's most famous pictures include a large selection of fruit subjects such as Peaches, Strawberries, Pineapples, Grapes, California Fruits, Assorted Fruits, etc. The landscape variety is very extensive and the color effects are very striking and true to nature; there are several hundred subjects in this variety to choose from, which will surely please the most fastidious and exacting connoisseur in art. A multitudinous number of other subjects such as Wild West pictures, Flowers, Animal Life, etc. are also among our large variety.

The mirrors which are also to be given away are made of the very finest silver-white mirror glass. They come in elaborate frames, 16x20, of burnished gold, finished in all gold or black and gold burnished. The pictures are sold in the usual way at from \$2.50 to \$8.50 each and the mirrors from \$5.00 to \$6.00.

When your purchases amount to \$75 you will be given one of the pictures as described above; when your purchases amount to \$100 you will be entitled to one of these magnificent mirrors. Come to the store and see these pictures and mirrors for yourself and you will agree with us that they will be a valuable asset to the most elegantly furnished home in our city.—Jas. M. Awd, opposite C.P.R. Railway Depot.

Forshee News

Frank Symond's, road foreman, has been working the new road in front of the Forshee post office, a work that should have been done some time ago, but he is doing it well.

Crops looking splendid. At this writing the Blindman Valley can't be beaten for good crops. Mr. Gramback says that his corn and cucumbers are going to make a big crop this year.

Mr. G. E. Walton's family have been very sick with the measles but they are much better at present writing.

Everybody wants to be doin' it, doin' what? Go to Rimbey on Dominion Day, July 1st, and partake of the roast or that the U. F. A. is going to have. It takes the farmers of Rimbey to do the right thing.

Postmaster of Forshee says that he has got two pair of work oxen for sale and they are good ones, well broke to harness or yoke.

A. M. Graves late of Minnesota, U.S.A., is expecting a lady from Wisconsin soon, and when she arrives there will be something for the preacher to do.

Mr. Vanderbilt goes south every Sunday. I think that there is a Saint in that direction; better saint than sinner.

The writer was talking to Frank Vickerson about the electric railway the other day and he had just received a letter from Taylor, Gibson & Strath saying that they would be able to build the line as far as the Lake this year; I say let them come, the sooner the quicker.

Tees Items

The Ladies' Aid of the Presbyterian church held their last meeting at the residence of the president, Mrs. Cheevers. The ladies are making quilts in two-foot sections, two to each member, with the names of each contributor of ten cents embroidered thereon. The quilts later will be sold by auction and the proceeds devoted to charitable purposes. At the last meeting each member was given one dollar to buy material for making-up, the one showing the best value for the money will receive a prize. The next meeting will be held at the residence of Mrs. John McEwan.

Raymond Heath is suffering from a badly sprained wrist and an injury to his arm, caused by his saddle giving way when he was out riding after some ponies. Mr. Heath was flung to the ground and his horse ran away and got caught by a barbed wire fence by which it was badly slashed and incapacitated for team work. Mr. Heath, sr., has had to borrow a horse for team work to keep up with his post office and livery work.

The Lacombe Guardian has been very fortunate in securing Louis Caulkins to act as street vendor. Louis is a bright, honest boy and deserves to be patronized.

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A SESSION OF BLUNDERS

In many respects the session of Parliament just closed has been the most remarkable since Confederation; unfortunately the remarkable features have been remarkably bad. First there was an obstinate struggle for government by Cabinet as against government by Parliament such as has not been witnessed in Canada since the bad days of the family compact. There was, for the first time in Canada, a government resolutely holding to office in face of the fact that its main propositions were refused by Parliament, and the satisfied acquiescence of the people in this refusal. The session witnessed the greatest revenues from taxation this country has ever known, and the least of foris on the part of the government to reduce the taxation burden of the people in face of a severe and growing tightness of the money market. With the cost of living rising beyond all precedent and the national income skyrocketing in the same way not a move was made by the government to aid the ordinary wage and salary earners who pay the taxes which supply this income.

The session witnessed an immense present out of the pockets of the tax payers to the Canadian Northern and the Ontario Government railway and a huge loan to the Grand Trunk. At the same time the government refused to make any provisions for equalization of freight rates east and west even when the demand was made by Mr. W. F. Maclean, a leading Conservative front bench.

For six and a half months the Government attempted to drive its measures through Parliament by main force, refusing advice or amendment from the Opposition and when met with anything like determined opposition introducing the closure—changing the rules in the midst of the fight. It has witnessed the leader of the Government threatening the Senate with extinction if it dared cross his will; it has seen this same Senate treat such threats with the contempt they deserved and deal with the legislation placed before it as statements should. It has seen the government kill measures of great importance rather than accept the slightest amendment which should deprive it of the handling of funds it wanted to use for election manipulation. It has witnessed the greatest waste of time and the most complete exhibition of weak government since the defeat of the Tupper government in 1896. Worst of all it has seen a Prime Minister of Canada whose word was publicly impugned in Parliament as unreliable, and who was guilty of insinuations against the leader of the Opposition which were more contemptible than any courageous lie could have been.

Judged by what it has achieved the session must be regarded as a signal failure; judged by what it has been prevented from doing it must be regarded as a brilliant Opposition victory. Every attempt to curtail the liberties of Parliament or people met steady opposition which was only overcome by gross abuse of the authority of the Speaker and Chairman, and with the closure. Fortunately the Senate, unwayed by Borden's threats rejected or amended the worst at-

tempts on the constitutional rights of the people.

In this way the Naval Aid Bill was referred by the Senate to the people, and killed by the Government rather than face such an alternative. Senator Ross pointed out that if Mr. Borden wanted to do anything for the immediate aid of the British Navy he could do more under the Laurier Naval Act of 1910 than under his own tribute proposal, and could include in the estimates ten or fifteen million dollars, to be expended by Parliament. Mr. Borden refused to do this. He would either get the \$35,000,000 to be expended by the Cabinet or do nothing, and he has delighted his nationalist allies by doing nothing.

With characteristic stubbornness Mr. Borden again presented the Highways Aid Bill with all its original objectionable features of centralization and spending of money by the Cabinet for its own ends. It was once again amended by the Senate, and again the government refused the amendment, declining to spend this \$1,250,000 on good roads unless allowed to spend the money itself or dictate its expenditure in provinces controlled by the Liberal governments. The Liberals and the Senate demanded that this money be given the Provinces to be spent in a constitutional way; the government refused to grant the money unless it secured control of the fund for unconstitutional and corrupt purposes. The country is the loser by this application of the Rogers system of finance.

WHAT THE SENATE DID

During the session of Parliament just ended the Senate has proved its usefulness more than ever before. While faltering against the Upper Chamber, Mr. Borden has gone to extraordinary pains to show how it can protect the people from the aggressions of Toryism. This is what the Senate did:

It prevented the Borden government from sending a naval call loan of \$35,000,000 to Great Britain without securing authority therefor from the people.

It prevented the Borden government from securing to itself \$1,250,000 to be used as electioneering funds under the guise of Aid to Highways, and put the government in the position of refusing to grant this money because it could not handle it itself.

It prevented the Government from arrogating to itself the power to build railways from 25 to 100 miles in length without a vote of the money by Parliament. Had the government secured this power it could have expended many millions every year without being subject to control of the people by their parliamentary representatives. What that would mean was shown at the Richelieu by-election, when the government tried to bribe the whole constituency with a promise of a railway if it voted right.

PROGRAM THAT FAILED

In the speech from the Throne when Parliament opened, the main items for the session were the West Indies Trade Agreement, the Naval Bill, the Highways Aid Bill, the Aid to Agriculture Bill and the Bank Act repeal. Out of this meagre bill of fare the Naval Aid Bill and the Highways Aid Bill were dropped by the Government rather than face the

people of accept amendment. The Trade Agreement and Agricultural Aid Bill were passed with the active aid of the Opposition. The Bank Act was elaborately amended by the Government in the interest of the bankers, which amendments were thrown out by the Senate, whose judgment the government had to accept.

A majority of the most important business advanced by Mr. Borden was rejected by Parliament. It would take a powerful imagination to discover any sign of popular disapproval of this refusal. There is every indication that the people approve the defeat of the Government on its most important measures. Under every British constitutional precedent the Government should appeal to the people to see what they think about it.

THE REAL HUMILIATION

On the day Parliament prorogued Premier Borden made a last effort to hide his own mistakes with regard to the Naval Aid Bill, by saying that the action of the Senate in refusing to pass the Bill until the people had passed judgment upon it "is intensely humiliating to the people of Canada."

It was not the Senate that humiliated Canada, it was Rt. Hon. R. L. Borden, Premier of Canada.

It was Mr. Borden who formed the Nationalist alliance which was at the back of his anti-Imperial conduct.

It was Mr. Borden who preferred power and the sweets of office to patriotism or even truthfulness.

It was Mr. Borden who, when Parliament refused the contribution hid behind the cheap pretence that the Senate did not represent the people, and so refused to keep his word.

It was Mr. Borden who tried to coerce Parliament by the aid of his forsworn Nationalist allies; who preferred the dishonor of being false to the pledges upon which the people elected him to facing the people.

It was Mr. Borden who finally tried to make the people of Canada believe that because the British Admiralty is continuing a long prepared naval programme they are doing so because the Senate defeated his naval Bill—knowing full well the British government is doing nothing of the kind and that he himself, not the Senate, defeated it, rather than appeal to the people.

STATEMENT OF ELECTION EXPENSES

Blackfalds, Alta., June 16, 1913
D. C. Gourlay, Esq.,
Returning Officer for Lacombe Electoral District, Province of Alberta.

Dear Sir,—Enclosed please find statement and vouchers of William F. Puffer's election expenses as follows:

(1) Personal Expenses.....	\$ 14 80
(2) Rent of Halls.....	80 50
(3) Printing.....	24 00
(4) Livery Hire.....	196 00
Total.....	\$315 30

Certified correct,

James McNicol,

Official Agent for William F. Puffer.

The above account can be examined on payment of a fee of 25 cents, on application to D. C. Gourlay, Returning Officer.

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All Boxing Bouts Are Held to Be Prize Fights

Chief Justice Takes That View
in Defining for First Time
in a Canadian Court
What Constitutes a
Prize Fight

Calgary, June 23.—"Not guilty in this way, my lord, that the contest in Burns Arena on May 24 was a prize fight but that Arthur Pelkey is not guilty of causing the death of Luther McCarty."

Such was the verdict of the jury in the Pelkey trial this afternoon after being out an hour and fifteen minutes. As it was delivered a faint murmur of applause spread throughout the court and was sternly silenced by the court constables.

Granted permission to add a rider, the foreman continued: "We, the jury, urge upon the government the necessity of enacting such measures to existing legislation as to preclude the further holding of contests of this nature in Alberta."

His Lordship objected to the jury's recommendation, asserting that his definition of the law, and the direction the jury established a precedent and made further legislation unnecessary. His Lordship also informed Pelkey that had the jury adjudged him guilty he would have imposed no sentence upon him, as the case was more to test the law than to fix the guilt of the defendant.

His Lordship defined for the first time what constitutes a prize fight in the Dominion of Canada. He held that an encounter with fists, previously arranged for was a prize fight, and was not permissible. His interpretation of the statute, if it stands, puts an end to all boxing contests in the Dominion where the authorities are inclined to interfere.

Dr. Mosher, autopsy expert, was the chief witness at the morning session, and under cross-examination by Attorney Smith he admitted that he had several theories as to the cause of McCarty's death and had not stuck to the one given in the autopsy report.

Hearing of the evidence was over at 12.30 and the court resumed at 2 o'clock, Mr. Smith for the defence opened at once on his address to the jury. He laid stress on the contention that the bout was a boxing exhibition pure and simple, that the Crown had sanctioned such an act by not interfering with previous bouts staged here, the Crown Attorney had himself attended bouts here some time ago, that the autopsy had been a dismal failure, and that the Crown had not proved the real cause of death.

Crown Attorney Smith said the bout was a prize fight and noted advertising to show it to be for the world's championship. He pointed out that both McCarty and Pelkey were professional pugilists and the meeting was for the money involved. In closing, Mr. Smith said that because of the legal points involved and the doubts as to what constitutes a prize fight, if the jury brought in a verdict of guilty he would ask for suspended sentence.

Chief Justice Harvey was particularly severe with the accused, his charge to the jury being the strongest heard here for a long time. He declared that as doubt exists about what constitutes a prize fight

he would give a ruling on the point. It was strongly against the contention of the defence and if upheld may mean an end to boxing in all Canada.

He said the bout here had all the earmarks of a regular prize fight and while some doubt existed as to what caused the death of McCarty, it rested with the jury only to decide whether even a slight blow from Pelkey caused the fatality and if so, then Pelkey must be found guilty.

Cyclone in Saskat- chewan

Estevan, Sask., June 23.—Following an intensely hot day, a typhoon descended upon the town with terrific force at 7.30 this evening. It struck first the south edge of the town, demolishing the skating and curling rinks, twisting sheets of iron like paper. Fisher's boarding house was very badly damaged, and one of the boarders, Walter Ashton, sustained an ugly gash in the head from flying timbers.

The brick building of the central garage was half demolished, the south end being knocked to pieces like cardboard. Glass windows in the central portion of the town were broken by the flying debris, which was carried nearly half a mile from where the cyclone first struck.

A tall game was in progress between Estevan and Westburn when the storm came and it cleared the grounds in short order and the bleachers were completely wrecked just after the people had hurried out.

The force of the wind was so terrific that people had to lie flat on the ground in the soaking rain to avoid being carried off their feet.

The damage estimate is: Skating rink, \$5,000; curling rink, \$2,000; Fisher's boarding house, \$2,000; Central Garage, \$5,000; minor damages, \$2,000.

The lighting plant was put out of business and the telephone service is badly damaged.

Information from rural districts of the damage from the cyclone was very meagre owing to the destruction of the telephone service. Heavy losses are John and Harry McLeod and Stanley Garrett, whose farms are complete wrecks. Several cars in the railway yards were derailed.

United States Loses Canada Gains

Washington, June 23.—The emigration of American farmers is a menace to the country. Speaker Clark declares modification of the land laws and extension of homesteads are the only remedy. Much is said nowadays, he said, by statesmen, editors and preachers, touching the evils of the large immigration to this country, but very little is said—nearly enough—of the large emigration. It is high time more attention is being paid to the influence of emigration on our future.

In one week not long since, 1,845 American farmers with \$388,500 in cash and \$140,000 effects, crossed into Western Canada to settle permanently. That week was below average than above the weekly average of emigrants to that region alone. How many go to other countries I do not know.

"Surely this exodus of American farmers to the Canadian Northwest is worthy of serious thought, for these emigrants are among our best citizens."

"The principal reasons why they expatriate themselves is the lure of cheaper lands and the less stringent land laws as to homesteading, etc."

"Consequently, Congress should make our homestead conditions as easy as possible, compatible with safety, and should increase the area for homesteading by judiciously encouraging both irrigation and drainage. Some statisticians with an alluring turn of mind has figured it out that the average adult citizen is of the money value of \$1,000, considered solely as an asset to the country. If that is true, then when 1,845 American farmers crossed the border they depleted the assets of the Republic by \$1,550,000—the financial value of themselves, plus \$388,500 cash, plus \$140,000 of personal effects, a total of \$2,078,500, a considerable financial drain on even such a rich country as this."

"Multiply the \$2,078,500 by 52, and we have the grand annual total of loss to the Republic of \$123,682,000 gone to Canada alone. We should have sense enough to find a remedy for this continued and increased loss of good citizens."

Fierce Hailstorm in Manitoba

Brandon, Man., June 22.—A heavy hailstorm that did much damage and broke the windows of every farmhouse in an area covering from ten to twelve miles, ruined many a potato crop, and cut down much grain, occurred a few miles north of Brandon this afternoon. A. C. McPhail, of the summer and winter fair boards, who has a farm about eight miles northwest of the city, states that every window of his own house and buildings was smashed, and the same thing happened to within a radius of ten or twelve miles from his own farm. The potato plants on all the fields in that district were cut at the roots, and the hail has done much damage to the grain crops, though he did not think that the loss would be very material on this account.

The storm lasted for about half an hour, but hail only fell for about ten minutes. Mr. McPhail says that it was the first hailstorm of any account that had ever been known before for many miles around. The hailstones were nearly the size of a crab apple and could not fail to do damage to anything they came in contact with.

The storm barely touched Brandon but travelled in a northwesterly direction. From the Chater and Carberry districts also come reports of the fierceness of the storm. Under other conditions the damage to the crops would be very serious, but as it is, the crops are not sufficiently advanced to make for much damage.

WILSON DECLINES.

London, June 24.—At St. Petersburg despatch to the Standard says that President Woodrow Wilson has declined Russia's request for a renewal of the treaty of commerce, except on the absolute condition that American Jews be allowed to enter Russia freely.

KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

Regina, June 23.—One of the worst electrical storms in years visited Regina this afternoon. Joseph Le Garco, a French-Canadian carpenter aged 27, of Montreal, employed on the new school, was struck by lightning and instantly killed.

REASON No. 1

Why Lacombe?

LACOMBE will be the largest city between Calgary and Edmonton, and Saskatoon and Prince Rupert.

BECAUSE it lies at a junction point on a direct line between Winnipeg and the Yellowhead pass through which the greater part of shipping will naturally be directed and which is also intersected at this point by a line drawn between Calgary and Edmonton, the principal *Inland Cities* of the West.

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SUN STARTS FIRE.

Winnipeg, June 22.—The hot sun, shining through a defective window pane in a new house at 643 Garwood Avenue this morning, fired the building. A high wind spread the sparks of the blaze and twelve other houses, some empty, some occupied, were damaged, four of them being destroyed. 6 The church of St. Michaels and All Angels, suffered to the extent of about \$600. The fire loss aggregates about \$11,000, while damage was caused to the furniture of all the neighbors within two blocks, who pitched in through doors and windows in a frenzied scramble to get it beyond the fire zone.

C.P.R. TRAIN INTO DITCH.

Swift Current, June 23.—C. P. R. mixed train, No. 669, went into the ditch three miles north of Succoway on the north-west branch this morning, five cars and the engine being derailed. Fireman Williams was caught between the engine and tender, receiving a broken leg and being badly bruised in several places. The engineer escaped injury by jumping. The accident was caused by soft track, the rails spreading.

OFFICIAL HANGMAN AS DOOR KEEPER.

New Westminster, June 23.—Objection has been taken by many people to the fact that Ellis, the official hangman, is temporarily employed as a door keeper of the court room in which murder trials are being held. Parties connected with cases appear to regard his presence as a sinister foreshadowing of the outcome of the trial.

KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

Regina, June 23.—One of the worst electrical storms in years visited Regina this afternoon. Joseph Le Garco, a French-Canadian carpenter aged 27, of Montreal, employed on the new school, was struck by lightning and instantly killed.

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Synopsis of Canadian Northwest Homestead Regulation

Any person who is the sole head of a family or any male over 18 years old, may homestead a quarter section of available Dominion land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta. The applicant must appear in person at the Dominion Lands Agency or Subagency for the district. Entry by proxy may be made at any agency, on certain conditions by father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister of intending homesteader.

Settle—Six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three years. A homesteader may live within nine miles of his homestead on a farm of at least 50 acres solely owned and occupied by him or by his father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister. In certain districts a homesteader if good standing may pre-empt a quarter section alongside his homestead. Price

\$3.00 per acre. Duties—Must reside on the homestead or pre-emption six months in each of six years from date of homestead entry (including the time required to earn homestead patent) and cultivate fifty acres extra.

A homesteader who has exhausted his homestead right and cannot obtain a pre-emption may enter for a purchased homestead in certain districts. Price \$100 per acre. Duties—Must reside six months in each of three years, cultivate fifty acres and erect a house worth \$500.

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Local Jottings

Mrs. Geo. Skinner, of Stettler, visited relatives and friends here this week.

N. E. Carrothers is presiding at the departmental examinations at Stettler this week.

The best ice cream, soft drinks and fruits in season at the Lacombe Candy Kitchen.

Arrangements are being made to hold the annual district U.F.A. picnic at Gull Lake on Friday, July 11.

Frank McLearn is arranging to open a new pool room in his brick block on Barnett avenue. He expects to have it in running order within a few days.

Numerous Lacombe people have this week taken up their summer residence at Gull Lake. This resort grows in popularity every year. It will not be many years before every available lot near the lake will be in demand.

The Anglican Women's Auxiliary had arranged to hold a lawn social in aid of the church funds, on Thursday evening, but the evening was too wet for such an event, so it was decided to hold it in the Comet Theatre on Friday evening at 8.30, showing Carnegie Polar Expedition pictures, with refreshments served during the interval.

Sunday evening a hand painted female blew into town from the north and immediately opened up for business. Trade started in brisk, but it didn't last long as Constable Miller quickly got was

to what was going on and had the woman and man who brought her here under arrest. Monday they were brought before Justices Carrothers and Switzer and fined \$10 apiece and costs, after paying which they were promptly shown the shortest way out of town.

BIRTHS

Bride—At Bentley, on Thursday, June 12, to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Bride, a son.

Danner—At Lacombe, on Monday, June 23, to Mr. and Mrs. C. Danner, a son.

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